

ND Philosophy

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News

- **Rhodes Scholar**

Congratulations to philosophy major Grace Watkins on being named as a Rhodes Scholar! Full story [here](#).

- **Winner of the Rising Scholar Award**

Professor Therese Cory's paper "Knowing as Being? A Metaphysical Reading of the Identity of Intellect and Intelligibles in Aquinas" has been selected as the winner of the American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly's 2016 Rising Scholar Award

- **Care Consultants**

Care Consultants at ND provide early intervention in a principled way to support members of the Notre Dame community who are experiencing stressful or difficult situations. For more information visit care.nd.edu

- **Mentor Program**

If you haven't signed up for the mentor program, fill out [this google form!!](#)



MAP Event

The next MAP event will be held on Thursday, December 8th from 7-8pm in Malloy 220. Below is the description of the discussion topic, lead by Emily Spencer. Hope to see you all there!

Can we accurately empathize with those utterly unlike us?

We will discuss problems with empathizing with those whose experiences we don't relate to, and possible ways to bridge the experiential gap that empathy seems to require. First, I will broadly characterize empathy and the two most common ways of so characterizing in the history of philosophy: the simulation model and the emotional contagion model. Under both of these putative descriptions, we can see major problems when it comes to empathizing with those who are unlike us to a substantial degree. Under the simulation model, there is the problem of empathic accuracy—that is, how can we accurately simulate/trust our simulation? Under the emotional contagion model, it seems that contagion does not occur when, for instance, we do not respect the person exhibiting an emotion. More importantly, as Smith states, it seems that empathy requires a seeking of motivation and an evaluation of the legitimacy of the emotional reaction. It is unclear how we can be 'infected' by the emotions of those we don't know how to evaluate, or feel sufficiently distant from. We will discuss some possible solutions to these problems, including the possibility of narrative as improving our empathic abilities, whether or not simple translation is 'good enough,' and whether or not proper empathizing may consist not in experiencing the exact same emotion in regard to another's perceived state, but in experiencing a congruent emotion.

Announcements

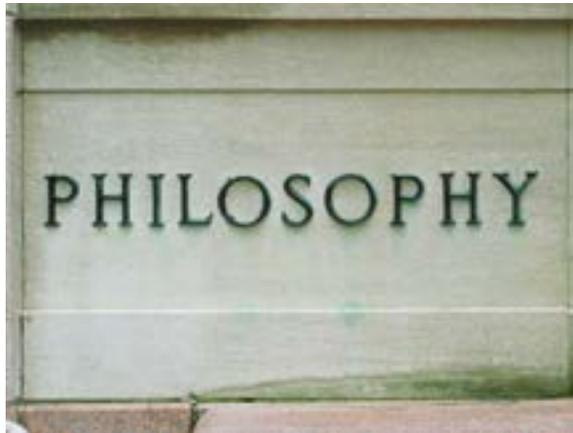
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Happenings



- Congratulations to grad student, Paul Balschko, who is now a dad!! Solomon Francis Blaschko was born October 28th. You can follow him on [Twitter...](#)
- Job Market Grad Students! Don't forget to see Annalisa to sign up for mock interviews
- Bowl game contest is starting! If you would like to join, click [here](#) and join our "Notre Dame Philosophy" group. The password is "Aristotle". Bowl match-ups are announced in 4 days. Winner gets a prize!

Up and Coming

Friday, December 2nd

Kris McDaniel (Syracuse) 3-5pm-140 DeBartolo

Thursday, December 8th

Last Class Day

Thursday, December 8th

MAP Event 7-8pm-220 Malloy

Friday, December 9th

Christmas Reception-Main Building 2-4:30pm

Friday, December 9th

Quinn Lecture-Richard Foley (NYU) 3-5pm-140 DeBartolo

December 12-16

Final Exams

December 19-January 17

Winter Break (Office Closed December 26-30)